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Final public hearing set for redistricting map

Ventura, Calif. – The City of Ventura has posted the preferred draft of the Council District Map available for review at www.cityofventura.ca.gov/Redistricting.

The updated district map will be discussed at the fourth redistricting public hearing at the City Council meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Information about participating in the public hearing can be found on the redistricting website.

"The redistricting process is something that's done every ten years and impacts how residents elect their city council members. The primary goal when developing election districts is to draw lines that respect neighborhoods, history, and geographical elements," said Interim City Clerk Tracy Oehler. "We encourage the community to attend this final public hearing to learn more or share input about boundaries for their neighborhood."

Live Spanish interpretation will be provided during the public hearing on February 7 at the Ventura Avenue Adult Center at 550 N. Ventura Avenue, Ventura. Contact the City Clerk's Office for interpretation needs at (805) 658-4547 or send an email to cityclerk@cityofventura.ca.gov. Requests are due by February 4, 2022, by noon.

Every ten years, local governments use new data from the Census to redraw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. State law requires cities and counties to engage communities in the redistricting process by holding public hearings and doing public outreach, including to underrepresented and non-English-speaking communities.

The final deadline for the City Council to adopt a district map as part of the City's ordinance is April 17, 2022. The new map will be used during the November 8 election.

To share public comments for the public hearing, submit an online form at www.cityofventura.ca.gov/PublicInput or email the City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@cityofventura.ca.gov.

For more information about the City of Ventura's redistricting process, visit www.cityofventura.ca.gov/Redistricting.